

Custer County  
Commissioner Meeting Proceedings  
March 9, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM in the Custer County Commissioners Room by Chairman Randy Corgatelli with Commissioner Gordon Vaden, Commissioner Will Naillon, Weed Supt. Brett Plummer, Wendell Gohn and Secretary Tina Hawkins in attendance.

**Weed Dept:** Supervisor Brett Plummer reported on the Annual Weed Conference. The sitting President died shortly before the conference, so Brett was given the M.C. duties. His seasonal employee for the weed department (Ted) will begin work on April 1<sup>st</sup>. The roadsides were treated last fall. He has ordered the tablets for use with the drone GPS requirements. He has all the spray equipment ready to go to work. He is getting most of his herbicides through the CWMA, as their cost is lowest. The vacation needed for the "ghost" alleyway that shows on the map server was discussed. Brett agreed to research the records he has access to, and locate any paper trail available. Perhaps this has already been vacated in the past.

**Solid Waste:** The Solid Waste Consultation Agreement with Great West Engineering was reviewed. Wendell reported that the dead animal pit at the Mackay solid waste site is full. Once it is covered the site is maxed out. Discussion was held on county options. Commissioner Vaden agreed to help Wendell find another option for a dead pit on the site, if possible. Option #2 as to postpone digging another pit until the new solid waste site in Mackay is activated. Commissioner Naillon and Wendell Gohn set March 30<sup>th</sup> as a day to tour three other solid waste sites in Idaho. Discussion turned to the solid waste payloads that are being hauled out. The plus or minus of tamping of waste versus the use of a compactor was discussed. Wendell voiced his concern about the possibility of a tipping fee increase at the Mud Lake site. A two- year contract will be pursued. Commissioner Naillon moved to approve and sign the Consultation Agreement with Great West Engineering. Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion passed.

**Rodeo Committee:** Krista Koeppen attended and explained the request to use the Rodeo Grounds as a base for the July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks show. Wendell Gohn expressed his desire for the fireworks to be based at the Challis transfer site, as it is up higher and easier to view the show from anywhere in town. Commissioner Naillon moved to approve the use of county property for the July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks show either at the Rodeo Grounds or the Challis Transfer Station. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and it passed. Agreement was made to notify all nearby neighbors about the fireworks show. Krista then updated the board on new signs that are being installed in the Challis area. The "Way Finding" signs connected to the City of Challis will be installed by ID Transportation Dept. It was decided that the extra signs offered by ITD would not be necessary. Krista then asked Brett/Weed Dept. to please continue with weed spraying and brush cutting at the Rodeo Grounds to eliminate any fire danger. Mark Bruno has stepped down from the Rodeo Committee and Krista has had Wesley Parker offer to serve. Commissioner Naillon moved to appoint Wesley Parker to the Rodeo Committee. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and it carried. The restroom repairs are scheduled to be completed by April 1<sup>st</sup>. The first rodeo of the season will be the High School Rodeo on April 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Treasurer:** Allicyn Latimer provided her monthly report to the board. She is still working on balancing and feels it is the solid waste fees causing her problems. Commissioner Naillon made a motion to cancel the solid waste fees of \$100.00 on parcel numbers #RPB00230070 and #RP00780010162A. Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion passed.

Commissioner Naillon then moved to approve a solid waste fee refund on parcel #RP00032002009BA. Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion passed. Discussion was held on how to keep the solid waste fee changes from being such a problem. It was agreed that the Assessor will need to check each parcel for accuracy on solid waste charges.

**Coroner:** Chad Workman attended and updated the board on the huge amount of medicines that he becomes responsible for during coroner calls. He would like to purchase a "medication counting machine". He has found they cost from \$2,600.00 on up to \$4,980.00. Chad would like to apply for a grant to pay for this machine. The Board approved Chad to work with Denise Jones on the grant writing for this purchase. Her contact information will be provided to the Coroner.

The BLM is seeking comments on their Bradbury Flat Area Spring Enhancement Project, and the Commissioners comment letter was reviewed. Commissioner Vaden moved to approve and send the letter to the BLM Field Manager. Commissioner Naillon seconded and the motion passed.

**Fair Board:** Commissioner Vaden updated the board on repairs to the fair exhibit building roof. The responding contractor felt all the screws need to be replaced to keep it from leaking. This is estimated to cost \$4,000 to \$5,000. If they choose to apply the spray on roof sealant, the screws must be replaced first. No decisions were finalized and the Commissioners approved the Fair Board to continue with their process.

Commissioner Naillon moved to approve the minutes of the 3-3-26 Commissioners Special meeting as presented. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion passed. Commissioner Vaden moved to approved the minutes of the 2-23-26 Commissioners meeting. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion carried

**Clerk:** Clerk Lura Baker explained the computer and e-mail problems that county offices are having. She reviewed the current costs of having IT services and what it would cost to move into the i-Cloud service. Deputy Clerk Tamra Giampedraglia and IT Jonathan Huse (vis Zoom) joined the meeting. Jonathan listed the many needs the Custer County computer system currently has. Discussion of the costs and benefits of making a change to the i-Cloud was held. Jonathan agreed to teach a county employee how to add or change e-mail connections. The Board asked if Tamra would shoulder the job and she agreed. Commissioner Naillon made a motion to approve the purchase of Microsoft i-Cloud software for \$22,680.00 for Custer County offices. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and it passed. Jonathan will be onsite Wednesday. The emergency moratorium ordinance process was explained by Jessica Clemenhagen/P & Z Administrator. They are in effect for 180 days and need to be published once they are approved. Commissioner Vaden moved to approve Ordinance #2026-02 – Emergency Moratorium on CUP's for RV Parks in Custer County. Commissioner Naillon seconded the motion and it carried. Commissioner Vaden then moved to approve Ordinance #2026-03 Emergency Moratorium on large scale energy projects and related technologies. Commissioner Naillon seconded and the motion passed. Jessica reported the Comprehensive Plan is still in the hands of the P&Z Board. It is scheduled to be voted upon at the next meeting and then it goes to a Public Hearing for citizen comment. Clerk Baker reported that ICRMP Insurance has raised the deductible for Sheriff's Departments up to \$50,000. This is statewide. The Idaho Dept. of Parks & Recreation Grant application that funds our Waterways Program has been received. The deadline is March 14<sup>th</sup> and a decision needs to be made on who is to complete it. She reported that Gary Merkle is retiring and a new auditor will be needed. He has graciously recommended a person, that will be contacted. Butte County SWCD needs a form signed, to formally receive our 2026 appropriation. The current phone system administrator for Custer County needs to be

updated. Clerk Baker and Commissioner Steve Smith are on the administrator's signature card. She asked to have Commissioner Will Naillon put on the card to replace Steve Smith. The Board gave their approval for the updates. Clerk Baker has found that the ARPA funds can be utilized on engineering for the proposed jail project. The USDA funding is connected to the engineering agreement approval. Commissioner Naillon moved to go into executive session at 10:35 AM under #74-206(1)(a) personnel. Commissioner Vaden seconded the motion and the roll call vote was unanimous Ayes. Attending the session were Commissioner Corgatelli, Commissioner Vaden, Commissioner Naillon, Clerk Lura Baker, Deputy Clerk Tamra Giampedraglia and Secretary Hawkins. No decisions were made during this session and the Board returned to regular session at 10:50 AM.

**NRAC:** Chairman Jim Hawkins brought his thoughts on the Garfield County, Colorado Land Use Plan. It was agreed that Custer County needs to incorporate many details from the Garfield Co. plan into our Land Use Plan. During the Public Hearings any proposed changes or additions can be voiced in the public comment time. Jim agreed to make a bullet list of items that he feels need to be included for the Board of Commissioners. Topics for the future meeting with USFS Forest Supervisor Heather DeGeest were discussed. 1) No further purchase of private lands. 2) Forest Service Resource Advisory Committee status. 3) How to activate all Grazing allotments, vacant and retired. 4) Forest Plan Revision Status. 5) Transportation system – RS2477 road mapping. 6) General Discussion.

The meeting was recessed at 11:25 AM to go into South Custer Ambulance District and reconvened at 11:30 AM. Suggestions have been received to place the Custer County Ordinances on the county web page. The Board agreed it would be beneficial for our citizens. The meeting was recessed for lunch at 12:00 noon.

The meeting reconvened at 1:30 PM with Commissioner Corgatelli, Commissioner Naillon, Commissioner Vaden, Lance Stavast, Randall Anderson, Vince Guyer, Chris Waverek and Sec. Hawkins attending.

**Agencies:** Challis/Yankee Fk. Ranger Chris Waverek updated the Board about getting their Resource Advisory Committee reactivated. They plan to host an open house to explain the program. Amy Baumer their RAC Coordinator will be there to field the questions. They are still needing more applicants. Commissioner Vaden inquired if the USFS is planning to turn operations of the historic Town of Custer over to the Dept. of Parks & Rec.? Chris verified that it is only in negotiation at this time. Commissioner Naillon delivered a message from Forest Chief Tom Shultz. He appreciates the employees of the Salmon/Challis Forest and how good they were to work with.

Lost River Ranger Lance Stavast provided a handout of the newest list of Forest Service priorities. Commissioner Naillon verified with Lance that the Forest Plan Revision is now on a back burner. The proposed private to government land sale was then discussed. The landowner is very upset about the sale falling through. Commissioner Vaden verified that since 1964 Custer County has lost over 100,000 acres of privately-owned lands to government ownership. All agreed the county cannot survive if such loss continues. Commissioner Naillon let Lance know that the County would be amenable to land exchanges, where the county has no net loss of private land value, rather than outright sales. BLM Field Director Vince Guyer let the Board know that the BLM is able to do land exchanges, where Custer County doesn't always lose taxable acres. He reported that Kimberly Foster will be coming on board as the Interim BLM Dist. Manager. They are working on finalizing the CWMA agreement with Custer and Lemhi Counties. Their hiring of permanent employees is still frozen. Randall Anderson reported the BLM has plans to treat/spray the knapweed on Willow Cr. Summit, as per Steve Smith's request. They are also planning a feral horse gather in September. The focus will be on the horses along Highway 75 that have been such a problem. It will be a week long gather and the goal is to collect 150 to

180 head. The geldings will be released, the mares will be treated before being released. Their collection sites will be at Spar Canyon, near the rock quarry and in Road Creek.

**Sheriff:** Sheriff Levi Maydole attended and updated the Board members on recent activity, dispelling the rumors that are flying around town. Custer County currently has two inmates in Lemhi Co., one in Bonneville Co. and one inhouse. Inmate transport travel cost is adding up quickly with all the trial continuations that the judge is allowing. Prosecutor Paul Rogers, Clerk Lura Baker and Deputy Clerk Tamra Giampedraglia also attended. Discussion turned to putting an apartment in the rear of the Mackay Sheriff's office. Remaining budget within the Buildings & Grounds was reviewed and there is not enough funding left for this project. The ID Parks & Rec. grant was then reviewed. Clerk Baker provided the agreement for Sheriff Maydole. Commissioner Naillon then reviewed the employment list for the Sheriff's office. The Marine Deputy has traditionally been backup for the regular Stanley deputies during the summer boating season and it was asked if this process could continue. Commissioner Naillon then asked about the Bonneville Co. Inmate Detention Agreement. All agreed it was a beneficial plan for Custer Co. Commissioner Naillon moved to approve and sign the Bonneville County Jail Inmate Detention Agreement. Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion passed. Commissioner Naillon then moved to approve the RBS Grant Agreement for Waterways funding. Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion passed. Sheriff Maydole then updated the board on his purchase of a Kenwood Handheld radio for \$1,092.12 to have as a spare. The patrol laptops in his department are not working well. Clerk Baker explained the recent move to i-Cloud and the connected upgrade to the computers. Levi then broached the need for a data security upgrade in the Search & Rescue building. He has a quote from Custer Telephone for \$960 per year, or \$80.00 per month. Commissioner Naillon questioned why the Wi-Fi system is not secure. IT will be onsite on Wednesday and it will be checked into. Commissioner Naillon moved to go into executive session at 2:42 PM under 74-206(1)(f) legal. Commissioner Vaden seconded and the roll call vote was unanimous Ayes. Present were Commissioner Naillon, Commissioner Vaden, Commissioner Corgatelli, Sheriff Maydole, Clerk Baker, Prosecutor Rogers, Deputy Clerk Giampedraglia and Sec. Hawkins. No decisions were made and they returned to regular session at 2:50 PM. Commissioner Vaden made a motion to approve county payment for the purchase of the Kenwood Handheld Radio. Commissioner Naillon seconded and the motion passed. Sheriff Maydole inquired about how the IT billing would be handled. It was agreed that each department would be responsible for their own hardware purchases and IT work. This will be changed in the next budget year.

**Emergency Services:** Lisa Benson reported on meeting with IOEM about the AHMP. The Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting had 27 in attendance. She plans to have it completed by June. She has been able to get the SHSP Grant funds deadline for \$3,490.61 extended until July 1<sup>st</sup>. Commissioner Naillon moved to approve the SHSP extension request. Commissioner Vaden seconded and the motion passed. IOEM is asking the counties to pay ahead, and then apply for reimbursement from FEMA. Lisa plans to hang onto the funds until they are needed. Information on a resident of Yankee Fork that is wanting to be added to the fuels reduction work list was provided to Lisa, to forward on to Tucker Flaten. Lisa is getting the final report done for the Seismic Resilience Plan.

Commissioner Naillon reported on his recent trip to Washington D.C. He was able to meet with the Idaho Legislators and Chief of the Forest Service. He felt it was a very worthwhile trip.

Commissioner Vaden moved to go into executive session at 3:36 PM under 74-206(1)(f) for legal. Commissioner Naillon seconded and the roll call vote was unanimous Ayes. Attending were Commissioner Naillon, Commissioner Vaden, Commissioner Corgatelli, Clerk Baker, Prosecutor Rogers,

Deputy Clerk Giampedraglia and Secretary Hawkins. No decisions were made during this session and the Board returned to regular session at 3:50 PM.

The Board recessed to view the upstairs vacant courtroom and court offices. Discussion was held on the best use of the available bathroom for Probation Department UA tests. It was agreed that the remaining files and boxes need to be moved out of the offices by April 30<sup>th</sup>. Secretary Hawkins will notify the courts.

Claims: Commissioner Naillon moved that the following claims on 3/6/26 be approved in the amount of \$284,454.43. Commissioner Corgatelli seconded and the motion carried.

Current Expense	48,886.40
Road & Bridge	187,226.56
District Court	150.04
Revaluation	443.84
Solid Waste	1,990.00
Tort-Ins.	42,672.54
Weeds	1,123.57
Emg. Comm. Fund	<u>1,961.48</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>284,454.43</b>

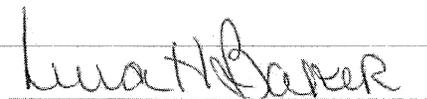
Discussion was held on the recent closure of Proud Source Water Co. in Mackay, Idaho and how it will affect Custer County residents.

With no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 P.M.



  
Randy Corgatelli, Chairman  
Custer County Commissioner

Attest:

  
Lura H. Baker, Clerk